

many years ago. I think Senator Clark and Warner and Carsten and myself who were here at that time and the decision was made to take over UNO, when we did so there wasn't any course except for what has been followed so far. One of the most cruel things that can happen as has been pointed out by Senator Labedz is to keep those homeowners in suspense because they can't sell their homes to anyone else and they know that inevitably the University is going to take them over, so I commend the persons who have put this bill forward. I think we should advance it and proceed with the work that is going to be accomplished by LB 410 and I ask your support of it.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to say that part of the reason for expanding UNO is to provide parking for these poor eighteen, nineteen, twenty, twenty-one, twenty-two year old children. Ak-Sar-Ben provides them with a shuttle bus. They can park in the Ak-Sar-Ben field, or parking lot, and ride the shuttle bus right from Ak-Sar-Ben over to UNO, but that they don't really want to do. They want to park at the door. They want to be right there at the UNO campus. Now I know that many of you from the rural areas probably have said to your children, when I was your age I walked five miles to school, and I can just hear your children saying, yah, yah, but truthfully when I was in first or second grade I walked about two miles in Omaha to school in bitter cold weather. I think it is a little odd that grown men and women which they want to be termed since they are past the age of eighteen, can't ride a shuttle bus from Ak-Sar-Ben to the school. They have to have more parking right there at the door, and this is what I am opposed to. But as I said before, I have not had a chance yet to look into these seven houses, but I rather imagine through the years they have had opportunities to sell their house to willing buyers and I am wondering if they are holding out to see if they can't do as several of the other homeowners did ten years ago and get three, four times the market value because the taxpayers are going to be buying those properties. I haven't looked at NPI lately but the last time I was there, believe, you me, it was a lot better building than I had lived in many years when I was growing up, beautiful colors all throughout, pool table there, lots of recreational facilities. I am going to make it a point though to go visit NPI, if they will let me, and take a tour of it. I have known a few people that have been in there, mostly for drug abuse, alcohol abuse, and I maybe ought to get back to them and ask them how the facilities were. They seemed to like it pretty well when they were there. So after I have made my